

**DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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Representative Clark:

Please review this draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

I did not include a definition of “small business” because it seems unnecessary, given that the program only applies for confirmed recipients of a federal grant under Phase I of the SBIR or STTR program. Please let me know if, instead, you want the state matching grant program to extend only to certain recipients of such a grant and not others.

Also, I did not include the statement of purpose language from the Montana guidelines included with the drafting instructions because it is LRB drafting policy not to include such a statement of legislative intent or findings except in certain circumstances, none of which apply to this bill. Such statements are disfavored for numerous reasons, including redundancy, unforeseen effects, inconsistent use of standards for statutory interpretation, and possible conflicts with the substance of the statutory language. Please let me know if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Please also see the drafter's notes embedded in the draft, and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

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